

SHOCK OF BATTLE AND POISON GAS CAUSE RARE ILLS

Dr. Osler Describes "Psychic
Knockout" Which Makes
Men Stammer.

WALKING GAIT CHANGED

Soldiers, Not Hit by Shells,
Act as if on a Tightrope,
He Says.

Dr. William Osler, Regius professor of medicine at Oxford, writing under date of May 34, gives another interesting sidelight on England as seen from the medical viewpoint. His letter is published in the Journal of the American Medical Association for June 12. Types of nervous disorders seen very rarely in this country or in Europe have manifested themselves as a result of the extraordinary stress and strain of trench fighting. One of these disorders is a temporary paralysis without actual injury due to close proximity of an explosion. This is known to military surgeons as "shell-shock paraplegia."

Another is the "psychic knock-out," in which the victim remains in a stupor state, with loss of memory and complete speechlessness or stammering. Recovery follows in a few days, as a rule, but extreme nervous irritability may persist for weeks.

In many cases the walking gait is changed in all sorts of curious ways. One remarkable case is described in detail by the patient himself. Here the effort at balancing the body when walking resembled a tight rope walker's efforts. The patient, an intelligent young officer, writes his experiences as follows:

IN A QUEER "SEMI-DETACHED" STATE OF MIND.

"The Germans had been shelling our dummy trenches, which were about twenty yards to the rear of the trench in which I was. The oncoming shells gave just enough warning to allow one to lean against the front wall of the trench—the position of least danger from shell fire. I heard my particular shell coming, and from force of habit leaned toward the front wall and looked toward the rear dummy trench to see the shell burst as the others had done. Suddenly there was a tremendous red bang and the world seemed to stop stock-still for a moment. I realized that I was clinging, sprawling, to the wall, and that my mind was nervously and scrambling out of the trench. I followed them out. This was about 11:30 o'clock in the morning. I was in a queer semi-detached sort of condition. I just clung desperately to the idea, 'I must finish my turn of duty.' (I was on duty at the time.) This idea obsessed my mind to the exclusion of all others. I did in fact finish my turn and then returned to my dug-out and slept or dozed until I was roused by my company commander to take a turn of duty at 1 o'clock next morning until 4, which I did. I then returned to my dug-out and slept and dozed until we came out of the trenches. I walked, carrying all my equipment and pack, for about 100 yards, and then had to be supported to headquarters, where a stretcher conveyed me to the advanced dressing station. I had a headache at the base of my skull from ear to ear, and the ground behaved like the deck of a sailing yacht in a stiff breeze; that is, it seemed to slant sharply away to the right and at the same time to pitch.

"The only other symptom of any interest is that when I turn about to the right the horizon rushes past with an unsteady effect, whereas the other way is not abnormal."

TOBACCO AFFECTS UNSEASONED SOLDIER'S NERVES.

Commenting on his experience with soldiers, Prof. Osler says that trench warfare is evidently a "nerve-racking business," causing all sorts of troubles from simple nervousness and breakdown to severe functional disorders. "In many cases tobacco is a factor. The hardened veteran may smoke from twenty to thirty cigarettes a day without inconvenience, but the unseasoned soldier cannot stand such excess. Among the convalescents, many cases of rapid pulse and slight anemia are, I believe, due to tobacco. Gas poisoning is spoken of also. The high explosive shells, the hand grenades and shrapnel all do great damage, but none of them is quite so frightful as the deadly gases used by the Germans. Victims of gas poisoning do not always die at once, but drag out a lingering and painful death, caused by a suffocative swelling in the lungs.

"There is an incessant gasping for breath, cough, and raising of a thin, blood-stained membrane from the mouth, but the cases which are well enough to be brought back to England usually recover.

Prof. Osler has seen thirty cases of which only three were severe. "The other patients," he says, "were convalescent, and nothing amiss could be determined on physical examination; but in several cases there was functional disability. One man had suppression of the breath sounds; neither the inspiratory nor expiratory murmurs could be heard distinctly. Anatomically, it is an acute bronchitis. The gas appears to be chlorine. Masks saturated with solutions of sodium hyperchloride, with glycerine to keep the material moist, appear to be an efficient protection. Certainly the use is a great addition to the fighting of war, but it is to be hoped that the allies may not be forced to adopt such measures of scientific barbarism."

Crushed Between Cars.
Thomas Burns, twenty-six, of No. 33 Smith Street, Hempstead, L. I., a car inspector of the Pennsylvania Railroad, while working yesterday in the yard of the road in Thirty-third Street, was crushed to death between two cars.

SAYS HE BROKE PRISON TO PROTEST INNOCENCE

Paroled Prisoner Thought a Second
Conviction Would Mean Jail
and Long Sentence.

Israel Gorenstein, who escaped from the Coney Island Police Court yesterday while awaiting arraignment on a charge of attempted larceny, is back in jail. The police are looking for the two men who escaped with him.

Protesting that he escaped only that he might tell officials of the Parole Branch of the Elmira Reformatory that he was innocent, Gorenstein appeared at the office of the branch at No. 135 East Fifteenth Street last night.

He was recently paroled from Elmira and said he thought if he was taken to court and found guilty he would get a long sentence. Detective Conroy was summoned from Brooklyn and took him back there.

Gorenstein, who lived at 213 Second Street, was arrested Sunday night, charged with trying to steal a purse from Mrs. Gladie Rankin of No. 170 East One Hundred and Seventy-first Street, Bronx. When he escaped yesterday he dropped thirty-five feet to a pile of soft dirt. An additional charge of breaking jail, a felony, was made against him to-day.

POLICEMEN GET MEDALS.

Commissioner Presents Rewards to
Eight Heroes.

Two gold and six bronze medals were presented to-day to policemen who saved lives during the year 1914. The presentation was made at Headquarters by Commissioner Woods and the medals and \$25 in cash to each of the recipients.

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